

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: IES UTILITIES INC. AND INTERSTATE POWER COMPANY, n/k/a INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY, MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY, PEOPLES NATURAL GAS COMPANY, DIVISION OF UTILICORP UNITED INC. n/k/a AQUILA, INC., d/b/a AQUILA NETWORKS, AND UNITED CITIES GAS COMPANY, A DIVISION OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION	DOCKET NOS. 199 IAC 35 WRU-02-16
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**ORDER REQUIRING FILING OF NEW ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLANS
AND GRANTING WAIVER**

(Issued May 30, 2002)

Iowa's electric and gas utilities that are required to be rate-regulated under Chapter 476 have a statutory obligation pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.6(19)"a" to file energy efficiency plans with the Utilities Board (Board). IES Utilities Inc. and Interstate Power Company, n/k/a Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL), MidAmerican Energy Company, Peoples Natural Gas Company, Division Of UtiliCorp United Inc. n/k/a Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks (Aquila), and United Cities Gas Company, a Division Of Atmos Energy Corporation, the utilities subject to this statute, all have on file energy efficiency plans approved by the Board.

The utility plans on file, although they have been modified over the years, are all more than seven years old. In addition, Iowa Code § 476.6(19)"b" requires these

utilities to "assess potential energy and capacity savings available for actual and projected customer usage by applying commercially available technology and improved operating practices to energy-using equipment and buildings." Each utility is to submit its assessment to the Board and the Board, in consultation with the Department of Natural Resources, develops specific capacity and energy performance standards for each utility. The subsection further provides each utility "shall include economically achievable programs designed to attain these energy and capacity performance standards." The Board has adopted rules to implement the energy efficiency statutes. 199 IAC 35.

The utilities subject to Iowa Code § 476.6(19) are developing a joint study of energy efficiency potential. That work is almost complete and the Board will therefore schedule dates for each utility to file its energy efficiency plan. The dates will be staggered to allow more thorough review by the Board, the Board's staff, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice, and any intervenors. To accommodate the mid-October filing date for IPL, the Board will, on its own motion, waive 199 IAC 35.6(1) to the extent necessary to reduce the collaborative period from 180 days to 120 days.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. IES Utilities Inc. and Interstate Power Company, n/k/a Interstate Power and Light Company shall file a new energy efficiency plan on or before October 15, 2002.

2. MidAmerican Energy Company shall file a new energy efficiency plan on or before January 14, 2003.

3. Peoples Natural Gas Company, Division Of UtiliCorp United Inc. n/k/a Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks, and United Cities Gas Company, a Division Of Atmos Energy Corporation, shall each file a new energy efficiency plan on or before March 31, 2003.

4. The Board, on its own motion, grants a waiver to reduce the collaborative period in 199 IAC 35.6(1) from 180 days to 120 days for IES Utilities Inc. and Interstate Power Company n/k/a Interstate Power and Light Company.

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/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 30th day of May, 2002.